IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 2: cancel this line in its entirety before line 3: insert:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

lines 3-4: change these lines to read as follows:

The present invention concerns a blow-off valve for a hydraulic dashpot as recited in the preamble to Claim 1.

Page 2, before line 3: insert:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

lines 9-11: cancel these lines in their entirety

line 19: insert:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

line 24: insert:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS